

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 727  
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A RESOLUTION to commend Lieutenant Bill Hampton of the  
Tennessee Highway Patrol for his honorable and  
astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor  
those exemplary public servants who have dedicated their lives to protecting their fellow citizens  
and preserving the public safety; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Bill Hampton is one such estimable person who has served with  
distinction for over thirty-three years with the Tennessee Highway Patrol; and

WHEREAS, a 1967 graduate of Johnson County High School, Bill Hampton proudly  
served his country with honor and valor during time of war as a member of the armed forces in  
Vietnam from April 1969 to June 1971; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Hampton began his tenure with the Tennessee Highway Patrol in  
November of 1972, in THP Communications until March 1974, when he was posted as a State  
Trooper for Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, named Communications Sergeant in June of 1981, Bill Hampton would rise  
to the position of Sergeant for Sullivan County in 1984, and was subsequently named Sergeant  
for Greene County in 1987, and then Sergeant for Unicoi and Washington Counties in  
November of 1988; and

WHEREAS, rising to the rank of Lieutenant in 1992, Bill Hampton was named to his  
current position of Lieutenant for Troop C in March of that year and continues to perform his  
duties with the utmost dignity and respect, and he serves as a shining example of what all State  
troopers should aspire to become; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated professional, Lt. Hampton holds both an associate degree and  
a bachelors degree from East Tennessee State University and is a graduate of the FBI National  
Academy; and

WHEREAS, a highly skilled member of the State Pistol Team from 1976 to 1991, during his career Lt. Hampton has served as Tactical Squad Sergeant from 1982 to 1985, a Pursuit Driving Instructor from 1980 to 1985, and as a Firearms Instructor since 1985; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Hampton is an active and important member of his profession, having served as President of the TN/Miss Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association from 1987 to 1988, Secretary/Treasurer of the Tennessee Police Combat Association from 1986 to 1991, and has held the post of 1<sup>st</sup> District Director of the Tennessee Law Enforcement Officers Association since 1993; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Bill Hampton exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Lieutenant Hampton has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and the public alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Lieutenant Hampton for his astute service to the people of Tennessee as a member of the Tennessee Highway Patrol, and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.